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The Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro Chairwoman Committee on Appropriations Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies U.S. House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515 The Honorable Tom Cole Ranking Member Committee on Appropriations Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies U.S. House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

As you begin crafting the fiscal year 2023 bill, I respectfully request that you give consideration to the following funding priority:

1. Provide a funding level of \$6,000,000 for PET/cyclotron Center at FIU as a community project funding request. The intended recipient is Florida International Unoversity located at 11200 SW 8 Street Miami, FL 33199. The project would be a valuable use of taxpayer funds because the funding would be used to establish a PET/cyclotron Center at FIU in order to perform imaging studies of a variety of human diseases ranging from cancer to Alzheimer's disease. This is a critical step towards early detection, diagnosis and treatment of multiple devastating diseases that disproportionally affect our aging and minority populations in South Florida.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Carlos A. Gimenez Member of Congress